

Colossians 2:1-7 So Walk Ye In Him

1. For this Cause (Context Review)

- a. Ye might be filled with: Knowledge of his will, In all wisdom, Spiritual understanding (Col 1:9)
- b. Why? That ye might walk worthy (by that truth!) (Col 1:10)
- c. We learn of Christ:
 - i. We have redemption through his blood. (Col 1:14)
 - ii. He is the preeminent, God manifest in the flesh. (Col 1:15-19)
 - iii. He did the work required for our complete standing before God. (Col 1:20-21)
 - iv. He is in believers (even Gentiles) and is the hope of glory (mystery). (Col 1:27)
- d. Paul desires the Colossians know and rely exclusively upon Jesus Christ according to the "dispensation of God" (the revelation of the mystery) for their ability to walk worthy.

2. Acknowledgement of the Mystery • Colossians 2:1-3

- a. "Great conflict", Persecution and physical sufferings. (Acts 20:24, Gal 2:2, Col 1:24, Col 4:18)
- b. "All riches" (of the glory of this mystery) (Col 1:27, 2 Cor 4:6-7, Eph 3:8)
- c. The evidence (full assurance) of things not seen = faith. Content of faith matters. (Heb 11:1, Rom 1:16-17, Rom 10:17)
- d. "Acknowledgement of the mystery", Paul warns, teaches, and preaches. Faithfulness to the mystery is required of stewards. (1 Cor 4:1-2, 1 Tim 3:9)
- e. It is in Christ that **all** the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are found. Again tied back to the mystery which fulfills the word of God. (Col 1:25, 27)

3. Walk By Faith • Colossians 2:4-7

- a. "And this I say", Why Paul is telling them this.
- b. Warning: Faith should not stand in the enticing words of men. (1 Cor 2:4-5)
- c. There can be subtlety in lies/deceit, discernment is required. (2 Cor 11:3-4, Eph 4:14-15)
- d. Faith should stand in the power of God. (Rom 1:16, 1 Cor 1:18, 2 Tim 1:8)
- e. The Colossians faced deceit that says Christ is not sufficient, they were saved but sought wisdom outside of the word of the truth of the gospel for their walk.
- f. We walk by faith, the same way we were saved. (2 Cor 5:7, Gal 2:19-21, Gal 3:23-25)
- g. "So walk..." The build up thus far in the book has been to encourage a worthy walk. (Col 1:10)
- h. Two walks. According to the course of this world, according to Christ. (Eph 2:2, Col 1:28-29)
- i. God roots and establishes us according to a mystery kept secret before the world began. (Rom 16:25, Col 1:23)